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fessor Wigmore's unhesitating recommendation of this work to the public and to judges and lawyers no less.

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*United States Compiled Statutes.* Compiled by John A. Mallory, assisted by members of the publishers' editorial staff. 1913. West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn. Volumes Five. pp. CIII and 5686.

This is a compilation of all the organic and statute law of the United States of a general and permanent character in force December 31, 1913. The purpose of the work is to make readily accessible the statute law now in force which has been made difficult of ascertainment because of subsequent repeal and various modifications of the original acts. The passage of a large mass of legislation on subjects many of which were not included under the title heads of the Revised Statutes, which were followed in the Compilation of 1901, made the Cumulative Supplement plan, which in turn followed it, inexpedient and a recompilation necessary. To accomplish their purpose the publishers have brought to their aid every useful mechanical device. The work is of particular excellence in this respect.

In Volume 1 are found the "Organic Laws of the United States," including the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Ordinance of 1787 for the Government of the Northwest Territory. The Constitution, with its Amendments, are reprinted from the Revised Statutes of 1878, with the accompanying historical and explanatory notes and Analytical Index to the Constitution which appeared therein. To the Constitution are added the two amendments ratified in 1913, the 16th, authorizing taxes on incomes, and the 17th, providing for election of Senators by the people of the several states. The remainder of this volume, as well as Volumes 2, 3 and 4, contain the statutes compiled and the notes thereto. Volume 5 contains the index and tables.

The general arrangement of the Revised Statutes has been in the main preserved but a new series of section numbers has been made necessary because of the large amount of new matter and the many amendments and repeals which had to be dealt with. The Revised Statutes references are placed in parentheses opposite the section numbers herein where the section is still in

full force. If it has been superseded or repealed, that fact is added in the parenthesis with full historical notes. Where the section covers matter entirely new, its number is accompanied by a parenthesis containing the date of the Act with the number of its chapter and section. Whenever any change has been made in a section, explanatory notes are added showing the change and development of the law up to date. The publishers are to be especially commended for the excellence of this feature of the work.

At the beginning of Volume 5 are some very valuable mechanical aids in the form of tables. In the first one we find the sections of the Revised Statutes which have accompanying them their corresponding sections in this compilation. Then comes a chronological table of laws. The dates of all acts and resolutions in force up to the end of 1913 are given, beginning June 1, 1789. These are accompanied by references showing, in a single line, where the act or resolution will be found in the Statutes at Large, the Revised Statutes and in this compilation. Then follows a table of acts repealed or superseded, chronologically arranged, with references to explanatory and historical notes in this compilation. Lastly, there follows a table giving the popular name of Acts from 1789 to date, alphabetically arranged with references to their places in the States at Large and in this compilation.

The index of this work, like that of its predecessor, *Compiled Statutes of 1901*, is based on the excellent one in the Revised Statutes. Owing however to the large amount of new matter that had to be dealt with here, much elaboration was necessary. This has been exceedingly well done and reveals the thoughtful mind of the specialist in the preparation of statute indexes.

The work, as was said in the beginning, purports to contain only that statute law which is of a permanent character, and represents an endeavor to make it readily ascertainable. This has been most admirably accomplished by the mechanical excellence of the work.

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